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14 September 1948

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

SUBJECT: Information of interest to the FBI

The following information has just come to our attention and is being reported as a matter of interest:

On January 16, 1948

reported the

following information:

A short time before January 16, 1948

Also present were George Bowden and Morris Ernst, Drew Pearson's lawyer.

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After the dinner at which the above-named persons were present, [redacted] states that there ensued a long round-table discussion on several topics. The question of labor strikes was discussed, at which time everyone present stated their belief that there was more behind it than just general labor unrest as an aftermath of the war. After some discussion on this point, Morris Ernst stated that he wanted to ask each one of the persons present what they would do if they had in their possession certain information which he had. He stated that he was extremely troubled with the information and didn't know whether to break it publicly or not. Ernst then reported that he had in his possession a recording of a meeting held between the four major labor leaders in the United States prior to the commencement of the recent series of strikes and that it left no question but that their orders came direct from Russia. Ernst went on to state that the Russian contact for the United States is a very respectable New York attorney who is a Catholic and is generally considered rather conservative. Ernst informed Bowden that Bowden knew this attorney but that he, Ernst, would never [redacted] Bowden the attorney's name. It [redacted] Pearson that the entire United States in every key spot is penetrated by Russian agents. [redacted] Reported that [redacted] is of the firm belief that one of Pearson's leg men is a Russian agent planned to cover Pearson in any material which he picks up.

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[redacted] stated she did not know which one of Pearson's leg men is supposed to be the Russian plant, but it might be [redacted] who is the only one of Pearson's men that [redacted] knows.

[redacted] stated that when Ernst asked her what she would do with the strike information, she told him that she thought he should take it direct to President Truman, Secretary Byrnes, or Secretary Schwollenbach. To this Ernst replied that he had taken the matter to Schwollenbach but that Schwollenbach had refused to take any action or to discuss the matter any further with Ernst.

[redacted] also reported that Ernst himself has always been considered quite liberal in most circles.

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